

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for delivering information to an entity, comprising the steps of:

- (1) identifying a data object to be delivered to the entity; and
- (2) delivering said data object to the entity, comprising one or more of steps (a)-(c):
 - (a) pushing said data object to the entity;
 - (b) transferring said data object to the entity during a sync operation; and
 - (c) transferring said data object to the entity in response to a request from said entity while said entity is surfing.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2a) comprises the steps of:

- (i) creating a modification event representative of said data object; and
- (ii) sending said modification event to said entity.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said entity processes said modification event.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2b) comprises the steps of:

- (i) accessing providers for information using state information maintained on behalf of said entity;
- (ii) receiving said information from said providers, wherein said information comprises said data object; and
- (iii) sending said information to said entity.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2c) comprises the steps of:

(i) identifying one or more modification events representative of said data object, wherein said data object is associated with a said request from said entity while said entity is surfing; and

(ii) sending said modification events to said entity.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2c) comprises the steps of:

(i) accessing providers for information based on said request from said entity while said entity is surfing;

(ii) receiving said information from said providers, wherein said information comprises said data object; and

(iii) sending said information to said entity.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2a) is performed.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2b) is performed.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein step (2c) is performed.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (2a) and (2b) are performed.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (2a) and (2c) are performed.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (2b) and (2c) are performed.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein steps (2a), (2b) and (2c) are performed.

14. A method for delivering information to an entity, comprising the steps of:

(1) identifying a data object to be delivered to the entity; and

(2) delivering said data object to the entity, comprising the step of pushing said data object to the entity.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein step (2) comprises the steps of:

- (i) creating a modification event representative of said data object; and
- (ii) sending said modification event to said entity.

16. A method for delivering information to an entity, comprising the steps of:

- (1) identifying a data object to be delivered to the entity; and
- (2) delivering said data object to the entity, comprising the step of transferring said data object to the entity during a sync operation.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein step (2) comprises the steps of:

- (i) accessing providers for information using state information maintained on behalf of said entity;
- (ii) receiving said information from said providers, wherein said information comprises said data object; and
- (iii) sending said information to said entity.

18. A method for delivering information to an entity, comprising the steps of:

- (1) identifying a data object to be delivered to the entity; and
- (2) delivering said data object to the entity, comprising the step of transferring said data object to the entity in response to a request from said entity while said entity is surfing.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein step (2) comprises the steps of:

- (i) accessing providers for information using state information maintained on behalf of said entity;

(ii) receiving said information from said providers, wherein said information comprises said data object; and

(iii) sending said information to said entity.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein step (2) comprises the steps of:

(i) identifying one or more modification events representative of said data object, wherein said data object is associated with a said request from said entity while said entity is surfing; and

(ii) sending said modification events to said entity.

21. A method for delivering information to an entity, comprising the steps of:

(1) generating one or more modification events representative of a modification made to a data object; and

(2) forwarding said modification events to an entity identified as a recipient of said modification events, wherein said entity processes said modification events.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein said data object is stored at said entity, and wherein said entity processes said modification events so as to update said data object.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein step (2) is performed during a push operation.

24. The method of claim 21, wherein step (2) is performed during a sync operation.

25. The method of claim 21, wherein step (2) is performed during a surf operation.

26. The method of claim 21, wherein step (2) is performed during at least one of a push operation, a sync operation, and a surf operation.

27. A method for receiving and processing information by an entity, comprising the steps of:

- (1) receiving a data object, comprising one or more of steps (a)-(c):
 - (a) receiving said data object via a push operation;
 - (b) receiving said data object via a sync operation; and
 - (c) receiving said data object via a surf operation; and
- (2) processing said data object.